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Sir:

PETITION FOR TIME EXTENSION AND FEE TRANSMITTAL

35 U.S.C. 133; 37 C.F.R. §§1.17 and 1.136(a)

Applicants transmit herewith a response to an outstanding Office Action regarding the above-identified Application. Because the shortened statutory period expired January 1, 2005, Applicants respectfully request an extension of time for a period of one month, to extend the period for filing an appropriate paper responsive to the outstanding Office Action from January 1, 2005 to February 1, 2005.

Applicants qualify as a large entity, therefor the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to deduct from the deposit account indicated below \$120, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1).

If filing this paper or any accompanying papers necessitates additional fees not otherwise provided for, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to deduct such additional fees from Deposit Account No. 19-2110.

Respectfully Submitted,

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